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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003, Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, comprising claims 28-38 drawn to an article improved in energy consumption efficiency.

Remarks begin at page 3 of this paper.